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Subject: FW: EPA Region 1: Developing Geographic Response Plans for Lake Champlain in Vermont

Hi Rudy,

A local town manager forwarded this note to me about an upcoming meeting regarding geographic response plans. I don't know if I can make this meeting, though I'm going to try. Do you happen to have a schedule for subsequent meetings, or should I reach out directly to the contractor? And do you know if this went out to all the fire departments in the region that could be impacted by an oil spill on Lake Champlain?

Thanks,
Haley

From: Mike Popovich [mailto:popovich@nukaresearch.com]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2016 2:46 PM
To: inlandgrp@nukaresearch.com
Subject: EPA Region 1: Developing Geographic Response Plans for Lake Champlain in Vermont

Development of Geographic Response Plans for Lake Champlain in Vermont

Nuka Research and Planning Group, LLC has been contracted by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 1 to develop Geographic Response Plans (GRPs), for Lake Champlain. GRPs are response plans tailored to protect specific sensitive areas from oil spill impacts. They show first responders where sensitive areas are located and where to place oil spill protection resources to protect those areas.

This project is funded by EPA Region 1 and being coordinated with similar work in New York funded by EPA Region 2 to provide a more comprehensive response plan for Lake Champlain. This project will develop fifteen (15) GRPs for locations on Lake Champlain within Vermont. A multi-agency, multijurisdictional work group consisting of Federal, State, and local environmental stakeholders will identify the locations for development of these GRPs. Nuka Research will facilitate the work group and the GRP development process. This project will be completed in the Spring of 2017 and we anticipate three (3) Work Group meetings to be held over the life of this project to gather information on areas in need of protection, prioritize those areas and develop the response tactics to be included in the GRPs.

You are receiving this e-mail because you have been identified as a primary point of contact and potential work group member for a stakeholder organization with vested interest in environmental, economic, and social resources in or near Lake Champlain.

On October 13, 2016 from 10 AM to 12 PM we will hold an initial Work Group meeting in Shelburne, VT at the Town Center Office Complex, Meeting Room 1, located at 5420 Shelburne Rd. This meeting will introduce the project to all participants, more fully explain the GRP development process, solicit additional participation, and disseminate some preliminary work on site sensitivity information based on preliminary consultation with Vermont DEC and information available via Vermont ANR's Natural Resource Atlas. Based on our experience, combining this data with the expertise of local stakeholders provides the best possible foundation for developing GRPs.

A meeting agenda, initial project information, the meeting location/directions, and links to other GRP projects will soon be posted on the project website at <http://www.inlandgrpne.com>.

If you plan to attend this meeting, please RSVP to this email no later than October 11, 2016 so that we can ensure we have adequate space and materials.

This will be the fourth Inland GRP development project completed by EPA Region 1 since 2013 including 10 in Massachusetts, 10 in Maine, and 5 in New Hampshire. Additional information on these projects can be found at the project site [here](#) and the GRPs can be viewed and downloaded from the Regional Response Team One (RRT 1) website [here](#).

If you have any questions about the project or would like more information, please contact either Mike Popovich, Nuka Research Senior Project Manager, at Popovich@nukaresearch.com or by phone at (508) 524-8015 or Mr. James Carew, U.S. EPA Region 1 at carew.james@epa.gov or by phone at (617) 918-1678.

If you would like to be removed from this e-mail distribution list, please notify Mike Popovich or Pete DeCola at pete@nukaresearch.com.

If you know of other personnel who would be able to contribute to this project, please forward their name, e-mail, phone number, and organization to Pete DeCola.

Note: If you are a Town Clerk and are receiving this email it's likely because we could not find email addresses for representatives from your town's fire department, public works, emergency management, conservation commission, or other town entities that might have interest in this project. Please feel free to forward this email to people in your municipality who would normally play a role in an oil spill and/or please forward their contact information to us so that we can update our email distribution list.

We look forward to hearing from you and working together on this important project that will give first responders important direction in the event of an oil spill.

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